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SUBJECT: AMMAN'S RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR INFORMATION
REGARDING THERMAL IMAGING USE FOR THE H1N1 OUTBREAK

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Post gathered the following information from Dr. Mohammed Almonsh of the Ministry of Health at the Queen Alia International Airport (QAIA):

Jordan currently does not use thermal imaging devices. However, the Ministry of Health has ordered this equipment, with a planned delivery in two to three weeks. The make and model was not available.

The current plan for implementation is that the thermal imaging devices will be used only at QAIA on all arriving passengers from North America with a temperature cut-off of 100.5 degrees. Those passengers who register this temperature, or above, will be taken to the airport health clinic. Throat cultures will be performed and processed through rapid lab tests for influenza results. Those with positive results will be transported via ambulance to the Hanza Hospital in Amman for further testing for H1N1.
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